

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Timothy Nitsch on December 23, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. **Claim 3** is rewritten as:

- - The display unit according to claim 18, wherein the touch panel that is composed of plastic films ~~has~~ includes two plastic films, in which respective transparent electrodes are formed, that are layered such that the transparent electrodes are placed opposite to each other. - -.

3. **Claim 6** is rewritten as:

- - The display unit according to claim 18, wherein each organic emitting layer includes a light emitting layer between a first electrode and a second electrode, and the respective display device is an organic light emitting device which extracts the lights generated in the light emitting layer from the second electrode side. - -.

4. **Claim 18** is rewritten as:

- - A display unit, comprising:

a display panel including a substrate on which a plurality of display devices are formed, and a protective film formed directly on both (a) the substrate and (b) the plurality of display devices for protecting the plurality of display devices; and

a flexible touch panel which (a) is composed of plastic films, (b) has a whole face that is directly bonded to a whole face of the display panel with a first adhesive layer in between, and (c) detects contact with a suitable contact element thereon,

wherein,

the entire face of the display panel includes a sealing panel formed directly on (a) a second adhesive layer and (b) at least one filter,

the first adhesive layer is in direct contact with both the sealing panel and one of the plastic films of the flexible touch panel, each of the plurality of the display devices has an organic emitting layer ~~and is~~ made of an organic electro luminescence material,

the protective film seals the plurality of display devices from the flexible touch panel,

the plurality of display devices are isolated from the flexible touch panel, and

the at least one filter includes red, green, and blue color filters on the second adhesive layer. - -.

5. **Claim 19** is rewritten as:

- - A display panel comprising:

a driving panel having a substrate with a plurality of display devices thereon and a protective film formed directly on both (a) the substrate and (b) the plurality of display devices;

a flexible touch panel which (a) is composed of plastic films and (b) detects contact with a suitable contact element thereon; and

a sealing panel between the driving panel and the flexible touch panel that is formed directly on (a) a second adhesive layer and (b) at least one filter,

wherein,

a whole face of the driving panel and a whole face of the sealing panel are secured together by means of a first adhesive layer,

a whole face of the flexible touch panel and a whole face of the sealing panel are secured together by means of the second adhesive layer,

the protective film is effective to isolate the plurality of display devices from moisture,

each of the plurality of display devices has an organic emitting layer,

the sealing panel has a layer effective to isolate the plurality of display devices from the flexible touch panel, and

the at least one filter includes red, green, and blue color filters on the second adhesive layer. - - .

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The closest prior art of record, US 4,931,782, fails to fairly teach or suggest, even in view of US 6,835,950, US 2002/0153360, US 6,814,642, US 6,771,327, US 5,670,797, US 3,305,745 or US 6,623,608, either of the two display panels described above. None of the prior art cited above teach the at least one filter that includes red, green and blue color filters on the second adhesive layer in either of the two display panel configurations.

Applicant's priority date of October 1st, 2002, has been perfected with the submission on July 2nd, 2009, of the certified English translation of the priority document JP 2002-288803. Thus US 7,034,457 does not have a valid prior art date.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Sow-Fun Hon whose telephone number (571)272-1492. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Ortiz, can be reached at (571)272-1206. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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